

PRELUDE “Tribute” -Phillips

✦CALL TO WORSHIP -Liturgist

In times of trouble, in days of fear,
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
When we are hard-hearted and cynical,
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
When we struggle to believe God’s promise of redemption,
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.
Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

✦HYMN No.372 “O for a World”

✦CALL TO CONFESSION -Liturgist

Scripture promises us that no matter how far we stray from God’s ways, when we make the decision to return to God, God runs to greet us with open arms. Trusting in the never-failing mercy of the Lord, let us turn to God together by confessing our sins.

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) -Liturgist

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. AMEN.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON -Pastor

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are those happy people whose sins have been forgiven. Believe in the good news of the gospel and rejoice!

✦GLORIA PATRI No. 581

Ushers Will Collect Prayer Cards

HANDBELLS “Compassion from *Peace in our Time*” -Mokleburst

✦PRAYER OF THE DAY (UNISON)

Lord God, we thank you for having revealed yourself on this earth in the midst of sin, need, and oppression. We thank you that we can have joy in all you have done both before and since the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior in everything. To you be praise and thanks. Our hearts leap up with joy in you and in your deeds. Grant that we may be faithful to the end, victorious in all things through your Spirit, who helps and blesses us on our way. Grant your help to all who call to you and who long to rejoice in you. Amen.

✦HYMN No.340 “This Is My Song”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION -Pastor

Gracious God, your mercy is wide, but our understanding is limited. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, open our minds and our hearts, that your good news may reach the deepest places within us. Renew us in your forgiving love and enliven our imaginations to possibilities for sharing that love with others. Amen.

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READINGS

Joshua 5: 9 – 12; Pg. 197, OT -Maria Goodrich
Psalm 32:1-2; Pg. 506, OT -Aaliyah Howard
Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b – 32; Pgs. 78 & 79, NT -Pastor

MEDITATION -Pastor

✦HYMN No.753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY CHARGE -Liturgist

As people who have received the overflowing God’s mercy, we respond with gratitude in our hearts and with the dedication of our lives to God’s ways. Our offerings give us the opportunity both to express our gratitude and to commit our resources to God’s gracious purposes in the world. Let us share what we have for the good of this community and the good of our neighbors.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Offertory: “Dona Nobis Pacem”

✦Doxology No. 606

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON) -Liturgist
Lord of all, we give you thanks for your unfailing love. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from you, and we return it to you now with thanks and praise. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

✦HYMN No.757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION -Pastor

POSTLUDE "God of Compassion"

NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER:

"Peace in Our Time"

This large, original work for handbells and solo violin includes three movements, with each movement based on a quote by Mother Teresa, Mohandas Gandhi, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The first movement, entitled, "Compassion," is tender and full of feeling. The second movement, entitled "Satyagraha," which is a word referring to the resistance to tyranny through mass civil disobedience, is vigorous and driving, using much martellato and mallet work. The final movement is entitled "Tribute," is steady and stately, and is reminiscent of a freedom march led by Dr. King, coming from afar and gaining more and more momentum. This work will be an appropriate addition for any service or concert where the focus is on peace, hope, remembrance, or tribute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Counters are needed to affirm the weekly deposits to the bank, please contact Ric Addenbrooke for more information.
- ❖ Easter flower orders due by April 6th - \$10.00 per plant.
- ❖ Passion Play and Easter Egg Hunt - April 6th.
- ❖ Organ Concert - April 11th at 7pm.
- ❖ Palm Sunday - April 13th.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday - April 17th - Service at 7pm w/ Communion.
- ❖ Good Friday Cross Walk - April 18th - 12pm - 3pm.
- ❖ Good Friday - April 18th - Service at 7pm.
- ❖ Easter Breakfast - April 20th at 9:15am
- ❖ Easter Services: 8:15am (Sunrise Service w/ Communion) & 10:30am - April 20th.
- ❖ Canal Clean Sweep April 27th.
- ❖ Mother's Day Tea - 12:30pm - 2:30pm - May 10th - Sign-up by April 27th.
- ❖ **Check out the online newsletter for more information.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30th, 2025
10:30am
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Pastor: W. James Hardy
Music Director: Jeffrey Seekins
AV Coordinator: Vince Davis
Liturgist: Maria Goodrich
Youth Reader: Aaliyah Howard

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